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## ITALY LOSES 3,000 MEN IN TYROL FIGHT

Austrians, Pushing New Drive in Mountain Campaign, Capture Big Force With Cannon and Ammunition.

Scope of Offensive Extended, As Peak of Armentara Ridge is Taken—Sea Battle in the Baltic is Reported.

Berlin, May 22.—Austro-Hungarian troops have carried the peak of Armentara ridge, the scene of some of the heaviest fighting in the recently inaugurated offensive along the southern Tyrol front. This announcement is made in the official Austrian report.

More than 3,000 Italians were captured on Saturday by the Austrians, who also obtained possession of several villages. They took 25 cannon and eight machine guns, the statement says.

The Austrians have extended the scope of their offensive, attacking the Italians on Laffraun Highlands. There they entered a first line position of the Italians after severe fighting.

Baltic Sea Fight Reported  
London, May 22.—Reports from Kalmars, in Sweden on the Baltic, as forwarded from Copenhagen to the Exchange Telegraph Co., state that a violent cannonade was heard last night and that it is believed a sea battle is in progress between German and Russian warships.

## POLICE PLANNING INVESTIGATION IN CASE OF REHICK

Hold Saloonkeeper, Who Is Same Man Who Shot "Innocent Bystander."

Following the shooting attack on John Kubick of 188 Stillman street last night, William Rehick of 189 William street was held by the police for investigation. Rehick denies an attack on Kubick, but several circumstances have caused the police to detain him.

Rehick, it was discovered in the saloon keeper who shot John Petro of 568 Crescent avenue last December. A masked stranger entered the saloon of Rehick and shot at Petro, wounding him in one hand. Rehick, hearing the shot, came from behind a closed door and shot Petro twice. It was declared at the time that he thought Petro a bandit.

The shooting last night occurred at Stillman and Hallett streets. Kubick wasn't hit, but Rehick was arrested. He denied trying to kill Kubick, but admitted the shooting, saying he shot at the ground. Because of the fact that after the occurrence he inquired for a blackjack, which was found and which he claimed, he was held for an investigation. He is charged with carrying concealed weapons and assault with intent to kill.

Rehick says he carries a gun because he is the subject of attempts to "get" him. He told the police persons have tried to climb in the windows of his home at night. Witnesses declare he took a woman home from Sadler's dance hall, Saturday night, and that on the way he was the object of jibes by acquaintances.

Vermont Sheriff Would Get Job On Bridgeport Force

Artemas Jason Thatcher, chief of police at Hudders' Run, has nothing on a deputy sheriff of one of the counties in Vermont who has applied for a position as "plain clothes man" on the Bridgeport police force. The application is one of a number that have come to the city clerk since Bridgeport is being advertised far and wide as the center of great industrial prosperity. Applications for places with the fire and police departments and the Remington Guards have been received from outsiders almost daily of late but this is the first application for a job as plain clothes man. The applicant states that in his capacity as deputy sheriff of Vermont, he has had much experience in "gambling raids" and "the saloon business." The application will be referred to the police commissioners.

Lives "Simple Life" In Meriden, Is 102 Years Old Today

Meriden, May 22.—William G. Atwater today celebrated his 102nd birthday at his home here with a family reunion. He attributes his age to the simple life and non-use of liquors or tobacco. He was twice married but has survived both wives. Three children are living.

Heartbroken because she was about to be separated from her sister, who had just been married, Miss Helen E. Farrer of Rochester, died there immediately after watching her sister's wedding.

## CORONER ORDERS ANOTHER ARREST FOR FATAL RIOT

Chum of Strike Leader In Ansonia, Now Held, Taken By Mix.

PROBE IS RESUMED IN LALCO'S DEATH

Plant is Closed and Workmen Make Repairs on Buildings.

Ansonia, May 22.—A second arrest was made today by order of Coroner Eli Mix of New Haven who returned to Ansonia today to resume his inquiry into the death of Charles Lalco, who was fatally shot last week during a clash between strikers at the plant of the Ansonia Manufacturing Co. and armed guards at the factory. The coroner resumed his investigation today.

The man arrested is Michael Schmotsky, about 23 years old, and for whom the police have been looking since Friday. He is said to be a chum of Saul Koopla, the strike leader arrested last week for the coroner. Both are held without bonds.

Strike conditions today were quiet. Operations were not resumed at the Ansonia Manufacturing Co. and the only activity there was furnished by a number of men engaged in making repairs.

## HIRSCH FAMILY IN PERIL WHEN AUTO OVERTURNS

Bridgeporters in Distress In Norwalk—Henry Scott in Hospital.

(Special to The Farmer.)

Norwalk, May 22.—Henry Scott of 1597 Park avenue, is in Norwalk hospital suffering from painful injuries sustained when an automobile, in which he was riding overturned yesterday forenoon in Winfield street. Six other Bridgeporters in the car were slightly hurt. Scott is suffering from a slight concussion of the brain, scalp wounds and numerous contusions.

The car, a new seven-passenger vehicle, was owned and operated by Marcus Hirsch, a real estate dealer of East Main street, Bridgeport, a brother-in-law of Scott. Mrs. Hirsch and her four children, Ellen, Pauline, Robert and Zalmon, were also passengers in the machine.

There is a slight grade in Winfield street. Mr. Hirsch says he was going at a moderate speed and turned out to let another automobile pass. He swung out too sharply, the machine skidded momentarily and then turned completely over.

Hirsch was pinned beneath the car. His wife and children and Scott were hurled 20 feet to the roadside.

Passing motorists went to the assistance of the Bridgeporters and took Hirsch from beneath the machine. He suffered cuts on the head and face and was badly shaken up. With Mrs. Hirsch and the children, all of whom were bruised and shaken up, he was taken to a nearby house and treated by Dr. P. G. Brown.

Scott was picked up in a semi-conscious condition and rushed to Norwalk hospital. His injuries, while painful, are not serious and it is expected that he will leave the hospital this evening.

One of the children, Robert, in addition to sustaining minor cuts, suffered a dislocation of his right shoulder. Mr. and Mrs. Hirsch and the children returned to Bridgeport by train late yesterday afternoon.

The car was badly damaged. It was taken to a Norwalk garage by a service crew from the Elm Auto Co., Bridgeport.

RAISE EMBARGO ON CARLOAD SHIPMENTS OF FREIGHT HERE

New York, May 22.—The embargo on carload shipments of New Haven road consigned to Bridgeport, Waterbury, Hartford, Torrington, Conn., was lifted today by the embargo committee of the eastern freight accumulation conference. The embargo on anthracite coal has been modified and the New Haven road will now accept it to the extent of one half the average daily receipt from all connecting railroad lines received during May, 1915.

Hear Arguments In Donovan-Hill Case in Washington Today

(Special to The Farmer.)

Washington, May 22.—Before a subcommittee of the House committee on elections arguments were presented today in the contest of former Congressman Jeremiah Donovan to unseat Ebenezer J. Hill as congressman from the Fourth Connecticut district. Mr. Donovan alleges violation of the Federal election laws in Mr. Hill's campaign.

State's Attorney Homer S. Cummings represents Mr. Donovan, and Judge W. F. Henney, of Hartford, is counsel for Mr. Hill.

Briefs in the case have been filed by both sides. The testimony in the contest was taken in Stamford, some months ago, before a deputy commissioner for the committee.

## U.S. TO SEND ANOTHER PROTEST TO ENGLAND ON SEIZURE OF MAILS

Washington, May 22.—The new note to Great Britain, making further protest against interference with American mails was laid before President Wilson today and probably will be sent to London tomorrow. The general terms of the note were framed at the state department but the President is including some of his own language.

## CONTRACT BOARD MEMBER RAPS ADMINISTRATION ON SCORE OF EXTRAVAGANCE

"The present administration does not give a d— about saving money for the City of Bridgeport, but this board is out to save money for the city and has saved thousands of dollars," declared Dr. Robert J. Lynch, president of the board of contract and supply to a committee of the board of education today.

The committee consisting of John A. Hurley, Robert D. Goddard and Louis F. Schwedler was recently appointed to confer with the contract board and see if the coal supply for the public schools cannot be purchased more advantageously and at cheaper rate than the supply board obtained last year by asking for bids on the coal for all city departments.

At the meeting today it developed that the contract board has asked for bids on 9,000 tons of coal and that the board had figured this would include coal enough for the year's supply for the public schools. The board of education on its own account had advertised for bids on 7,000 tons of coal. Both the contract board and the school board have been informed by dealers that because of labor troubles, freight embargoes, and other conditions arising from the vast shipments of war munitions now being made over the eastern roads they have been unable to obtain prices from the mines with which they do business. Hence they are unable to quote prices or make bids at this time.

The supply board had expected to open bids on May 20. Clerk Baldwin in view of the representations made by the local coal dealers extended the time for opening bids from May 20 until May 24. Because the committee of the board of education thought the school board should be given an opportunity to see if it could not get better prices for coal than the supply board, it was decided after the conference this noon that the bids of the supply board should stand and the school board seek separate bids on the coal. If the school board can get a lower price, it will be allowed to purchase its own coal.

"This board only wants to see the city get the best prices it can for everything," declared Dr. Lynch today. "If your committee can buy coal cheaper than we can we will be perfectly willing to have you do so," he said.

Patrick McGee had the contract in the contract in the past year for furnishing about 6,000 tons of anthracite coal for the various city departments. His price was \$5.70 per ton for the coal used in the various schools and municipal buildings and \$6.25 for the

## BORDER ANXIOUS ABOUT TROOPERS NEAR BOQUILLAS

Langhorne's Little Band May Be In Danger, Report in Texas.

San Antonio, Tex., May 22.—Some anxiety as to the reported situation of the American troops south of Boquillas was expressed today at General Funston's headquarters. No official reports, however, indicating hostile movements of any band near Col. Sibley's two troops of the Fourteenth cavalry had been received.

When last accounted for, Major Langhorne and his two troops, Eighth cavalry, were moving northward to join Col. Sibley. If it is established that the little punitive column is in danger it is probable a force of the Sixth cavalry which has just arrived in the Big Bend district, will be used as a reinforcement.

MORE TROOPERS READY.

Marathon, May 22.—Two troops of the Sixth cavalry detained here today. They will go south to Boquillas, where they will be in a position to reinforce Col. Sibley's column.

Groton Man Dies on Sound Voyage

Groton, Conn., May 22.—Word was received here this morning by members of the Masonic order that James D. Williams had come ashore at Falmouth, Mass., bringing the body of Arthur V. Dobson. No particulars were given. Dobson and Williams left for the Masonic order that James launched to parties in Boston. They were reported in Newport at 4 o'clock that afternoon, making about 18 miles an hour. Dobson was employed in the Groton postoffice and leaves a widow and one child.

## ALIENISTS WILL BE BIG FACTORS IN WAITE TRIAL

Insanity Likely To Be Defense of Dentist Held For Murder.

EACH SIDE CALLS MEDICAL EXPERTS

Throng Attends Opening Session of Case In New York.

New York, May 22.—Four alienists headed the throng of witnesses gathered in the criminal branch of the supreme court today for the trial of Dr. Arthur Warren Waite, charged with murder, first degree, in the poisoning of his father-in-law, John E. Peck, a wealthy manufacturer of Grand Rapids, Mich. Since he has confessed the deed, the prosecution believes that the defense will rely upon a plea of insanity.

To combat this testimony the state has engaged three medical experts and summoned witnesses who knew the defendant at different periods of his career. The defense has summoned one alienist.

One of the interesting figures at the trial, next to the prisoner himself, will be his wife, Mrs. Clara Peck Waite, and Mrs. Margaret Horton, with whom Waite occupied at times a "studio" at an uptown hotel. Altogether the state has subpoenaed 115 witnesses.

Long before court convened a crowd gathered about the criminal courts building, but owing to an extra panel of talesmen and the large number of witnesses, few persons not connected with the case were admitted to the courtroom. Indications were that it probably would require the better part of the day to select a jury. Robert Neill, a mechanical engineer, the third talesman examined, was the first acceptable to both prosecution and defense and he was sworn in as the first juror.

Interrogating the talesmen, Mr. Deuel laid stress on the question as to whether consideration would be given to evidence calculated to show the prisoner was "not well mentally" at the time he administered germ culture to the deceased to Mr. Peck as he has already confessed.

Assistant District Attorney George N. Bowers conducted the case for the state. One hour after the trial started 12 talesmen had been accepted, three of whom were interpreted as jurors. Waite showed no emotion during the proceedings.

The task of selecting a jury progressed rapidly, neither side using many challenges. Before the luncheon recess the jury had been completed.

## SCOTLAND YARD SLEUTHS ARRIVE TO GET LINCOLN

Confessed German Spy Will Be Taken To England To Stand Trial.

New York, May 22.—Chief Inspector Alfred Ward and an assistant from Scotland Yard arrived from England today and the Anchor line steamship Cameronian from Liverpool to take back to England the self-confessed German spy and former member of the British parliament, Ignatius T. T. Lincoln. Lincoln is wanted in England to answer to a charge of forgery.

His extradition was ordered by the supreme court of the United States after Lincoln appealed to that court on a writ of habeas corpus alleging that the real purpose of his extradition was to try him as a spy in England.

Lincoln was first arrested here in August last year but escaped from jail in the following November and was at liberty until February last when he was re-arrested.

County Meeting Will Consider Purchase of Property Next Month

The county commissioners will call a meeting of the state Senators and Representatives the first part of next month to consider the purchase of the First Congregational parsonage property, which adjoins the county court house addition on the west. This property was recently purchased by Samuel H. Wheeler.

Another matter to be considered at the meeting is the county tax. The tax will be fixed this year in accordance with the act of the legislature. It provides that the tax rate must be in proportion to the amount each town proposes to spend during the fiscal year. The old rate was three-twentieths of one mill but the commissioners are unable to forecast what the new rate will be.

## WIFE KILLED BY EXPRESS, HOPKO DYING AFTER VAIN ATTEMPT TO RESCUE HER

## STRIKE ENDED, GIRLS PARADE BACK TO JOBS

Corset Workers March Through Streets to Batcheller and Crown Shops.

The 1,200 girl strikers of the George C. Batcheller and Crown Corset Co. returned to work this morning with the working conditions to which they objected, remedied.

A mass meeting of the girls was held at the strikers' hall in Cannon street and they marched in a body to the factories. There was no demonstration and the parading was quiet. The girls took their places in the factories at 7:30 o'clock.

No change was reported today by the strikers at the Crown Corset Co. occurred when a non-union girl refused to join the organized garment workers. The union girls asked to have her removed by the officials to their apartment or compelled to join the organization. When this request was not complied with the girls walked out.

The George C. Batcheller Co. corset workers followed a week later, striking in sympathy with the Crown girls, because, they alleged, Crown work was being done in the Batcheller factory. This the company officials denied.

Moulders May Strike At Automatic Factory

Molders at the Automatic Machine Co. may aid the striking machinists at the plant. A conference of the Molliers' union with officers of the Machinists' union will be held this evening at which the advisability of a sympathetic strike will be discussed.

No change was reported today by the machinists who have struck at the plant. No conference has been sought with the officials of the plant since last week, when a meeting failed to produce favorable results.

Pierce In Stamford To Assist Strikers

Organizer John Pierce of the International Ladies' Garment Workers, who conducted negotiations for the girl strikers with the Crown Corset Co. and the George C. Batcheller Co., is in Stamford today. Factories there have been ordered to give work to plants in New York, where the garment workers are on strike.

Difficulty with the police has been experienced in Stamford. It is said the police will not allow picketing of any kind.

Fairfield Rubber Co. Grants Nine-Hour Day

The Fairfield Rubber Co. today granted its employees the nine-hour day. The action followed a demand made last week by the workers there.

E. W. Harral, president of the plant, put the new schedule into effect. The action followed a demand made last week by the workers there. The new schedule was taken to the workers of Sullivan & Mullins while Hopko was rushed to St. Vincent's hospital. It is said there he has little chance to live.

## COURT ORDERS DESTRUCTION OF \$700 IN BOOZE

Sparkling champagne, apricot brandy, whiskey and six bottles of beer are included in the quantity of liquor ordered destroyed today by order of Judge Scott of the common pleas court. The beverages were seized when the Elm Country club of Westport was raided by the state police June 27, 1915, at 3 in the morning. The total value of the liquor is \$700.

George S. Jennings, who called himself president of the club, pleaded guilty of violation of the liquor law at the recent session of the criminal superior court and was fined \$75. In such cases it is the practice for the prosecutor to ask the court to arrange for the final disposition of the liquor seized. After ordering the liquor destroyed Judge Scott ruled that Jennings must pay the court costs. Jennings several months ago applied for a liquor license for his club but the county commissioners denied his application.

THE WEATHER  
Forecast: Unsettled tonight and Tuesday, probably showers.

Recently Married Couple, Walking Railroad Tracks, Victims of Speeding Bar Harbor Train At Fatal Burr Road Crossing.

Woman Dies Instantly And Husband Is Near Death in Hospital—Engineer Believes Mrs. Hopko Deliberately Stood In Path.

Mary Hopko, aged 31, of 209 Pine street was instantly killed about noon today by the Bar Harbor express at the Burr Road crossing. Her husband, Andrew, tried to save her and injuries he received in the attempt are expected to cost his life.

The engineer of the train describes the circumstances in such a manner that suicide is intimated. Investigation however has failed to reveal the cause of the accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Hopko have been married only a short time. Their marriage license was obtained Nov. 21, 1914, but they were not married until much later.

It is known they were planning to build a house and were in the West End looking over available property. They started to cross the tracks at Burr Road, the scene of many railroad fatalities. According to the engineer of the Bar Harbor express, which is due in Bridgeport about 11:30, the women were standing between the rails on Track No. 4 when the train approached. He says the woman was waving her arms, facing the train. He slowed the express, which was proceeding at a fast rate, and then he saw a man try to pull the woman from the tracks.

The man, who proved to be Mary's husband, was unsuccessful. The train struck Mary and she was knocked under the cow catcher. One side of her head and arm was crushed and he too, went down. The train passed a car length before it was stopped.

The train crew ran to the engine and pulled the bodies from the tracks. While there was no blood on the woman, she was dead. Later it was learned her skull was fractured, and her chest was crushed.

Andrew Hopko's right arm was cut off close to his shoulder and his left leg was severed above the knee. Passengers, who piled from the cars, gave first aid. One of them fainted.

A call was sent to the second precinct police station and the ambulance was soon on the scene, with Policeman Tobin. The bodies were taken to the morgue of Sullivan & Mullins while Hopko was rushed to St. Vincent's hospital. It is said there he has little chance to live.

The engineer reported the occurrence at the local station and gave a story that would tend to indicate suicide. Because the pair was planning a home, however, Medical Examiner S. M. Garlick's report probably will result in a further investigation by Coroner J. J. Phelan.

Trolley Crew Not Negligent, Isaacs Can't Get Damages

Herman Isaacs, collector of fairs, bones and gnomes from out markets, cannot collect any damages from the Connecticut Co. for the loss of his horse, injured in a collision with a trolley car, February 15, 1915. According to Judge Scott today found in favor of the Connecticut Co. in a suit for \$300 brought against the corporation by Isaacs.

Isaacs claimed he was driving his team at Main and Grand streets when a trolley car struck his vehicle. One of the horses was badly injured and had to be shot. The court ruled there was no negligence on the part of the trolley car crew.

In the suit of Effie Banta of Darien against Minot H. Sammis and others of Stamford, Judge Scott ordered judgment of foreclosure against the defendants because there is \$1,372.45 due on a note. The property involved is in Stamford.

Bequest of \$10,000 To Improve Grounds Near Gaylord Farm

Hartford, May 22.—Dr. John T. Black, secretary of the state board of health, has been elected a member of the board of directors of the Gaylord Farm Tuberculosis Sanatorium, Watlingford, to take the place of Dr. Joseph H. Townsend, deceased. Dr. Lyman, who has charge of the institution, said today that the gift of \$10,000 by Miss Whittemore, of Naugatuck, will be used in improving the roadway leading to the institution. Governor Holcomb, who attended the annual meeting of the Gaylord Farm association Saturday, spoke in strong commendation of what the institution, which is a private one, and the state are doing for the relief of persons suffering from tuberculosis.

The class of 1904, of Yale, of which Thomas H. Shelton, one of the college's greatest athletes, was a member, will erect a memorial to him, either a dormitory or a track house at the field.